in Bhutan which are being used by ULFA and Bodo militants for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the King of Bhutan. The King has assured that Bhutan will not allow its territory to be used for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Ban on PWG

4753. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a decision to impose ban on the People's War Group (PWG); and

(b) if so, the action taken to co-ordinate and launch inter-State operations against the extremists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The matter is under examination.

(b) A co-ordinated action Group has recently been formed under the director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, for co-ordinating anti-naxalite operations among the affected States.

Ban on Lottery

4754. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to issue a total ban on the State-run-lotteries;

(b) if so, by what time;

(c) the details of the numbers of lotteries run by different State Governments, State-wise;

(d) the details of the agents working on behalf of the State Governments, State-wise, with the date of their appointment; and

(e) the details of the amount of tickets sold, State-wise alongwith the details of sole agencies concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999, which